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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/724,020

**Applicant(s)**

EVANS ET AL.

**Examiner**

Krisna Lim

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 February 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-85/86)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Claims 1-12 and 14 are still pending for examination, and claims 13 and 15 were canceled.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21 (2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. 'Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Garrett et al. [U.S. Patent No. 6,877,033].

4. Garrett et al anticipates (e.g., see Figs. 1-12) the invention substantially as claimed. Taking claim 1 as an exemplary claim, the reference anticipates a method of generating identification information relating to a component of a computer network (e.g., generating one or more "suggested component" web page, col. 4 (lines 4-5); parts catalogs from component suppliers, col. 1 (lines 24-25)); online identification ... components, col. 2 (lines 52-53)) having an associated memory storing a first set of data items relating to the component (e.g., see Figs. 5A-5G, 6), comprising retrieving one or more of said first set of data items (e.g., 502 of Fig. 5A) from said associated memory and generating said identifying information (part no. of Figs. 5D-5F) from said retrieved data items.

5. As to claim 2, Garret et al anticipates said identification information is generated in a first network component (e.g., see col. 1 (lines 53-67), col. 4 (lines 39-61) in response to a request from a network management application program running in a

second network component (a browser of a client, col. 1 (lines 53-67)).

6. As to claim 3, Garret et al. retrieving data (e.g., link 502 of Fig. 5A, col. 8, lines 19-23) from a memory associated with said first network component or with another network component, and adding said further data (e.g., see suffix 3.3 adding to LM2672, col. 4 (line 58), col. 5, also see suffix adding to LM2575 part number of Fig. 5D to 5F) as a suffix to said retrieved data to generate said identifying information (part number of Figs. 5D or 5F).

7. As to claim 4, Garret et al anticipates said generated identification information is sent from said first network component (e.g., see col. 1 (lines 53-67), col. 4 (lines 39-61)) to said second network component (a browser of a client, col. 1 (lines 53-67)).

8. As to claim 5, Garret et al anticipates said associated memory is an ID PROM (e.g., see col. 9, lines 41-48)) and said first set of data items includes at least one of a manufacturer's part number, a serial number, and an equipment type descriptor (e.g., see Part Number, Type, Model, etc. in Figs. 5D-5F, see all components of Fig. 6).

9. As to claim 6, Garret et al anticipates a computer network component comprising a processor and a memory (e.g., see processor 1204 and memory (1206, 1208 and 1210 of Fig. 12) wherein the memory stores machine-implementable instructions executable by the processor to carry out the method of claim 1

10. Claims 7-12 and 14 are similar in scope as of claims 1-6, and therefore claims 7-12 and 14 are rejected for the same reasons set forth above for claims 1-6.

11. The rejections are respectfully maintained and incorporated by reference as set forth in the last office action with some modification due to the amendment filed 2/5/08.

12. Applicant's arguments filed xxx have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

13. In the remarks, applicants argued in substance that:

a) Garret's "components" referred to electronic circuit design components, and they are not network components;

b) Garrett does not teach that a second network component linked to a first network component;

c) Garret does not teach the second component is operable to perform a network management application.

In response to the paragraphs 13 (a) to 13 c) above, applicant is reminded that the rejection is not limited to only the citation portion of the reference that was cited by the examiner, but also the applicant has the obligation to read and to understand the reference as a whole. Given the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claimed language, Garret clearly disclosed the teaching two network components linked together (e.g., Internet, 130 of Fig. 1, the abstract). Internet is known to link at least two network components together. Moreover, the term network components can be broadly read on anything which includes but not limited to the hardware, software, circuitry, etc. that associated with the network or the Internet. Thus, Garret clearly disclosed the first network component, the second network component and their operations (e.g., see the abstract) as indicated in the rejection in paragraphs 4-9 above.

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krisna Lim whose telephone number is 571-272-3956. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess, can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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April 28, 2008

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2153